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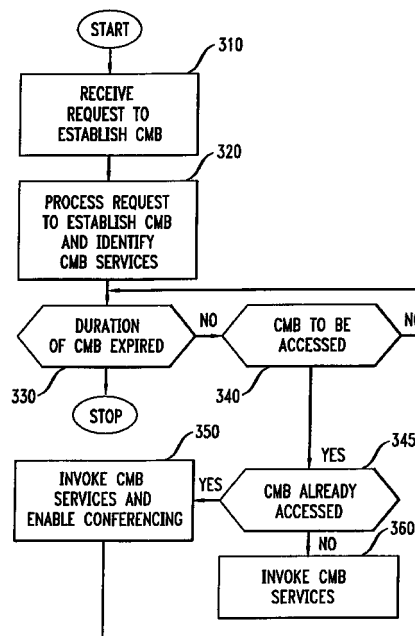
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(54) **Conference mailbox service**

(57) A service establishes (320) conference mailboxes (CMB) for specified durations of time upon request by a user. The CMB service permits a CMB to be accessed by any number of other users authorized by the requesting user. The CMB service also advantageously conferences (350) authorized users accessing a CMB concurrently. The CMB is advantageously implemented by a CMB control system comprising a processor and memory, which CMB control system is connected to a communications network.

FIG. 3



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